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Date	Czechoslovak Agency	Weight (Weight)	USIA Deliveries	Czechoslovak Deliveries (Czechoslovak crowns)	Value in
15 Dec.	CENTROTECH	7,000	rayon cord fabric	rayon stockings	805,000
15 Dec.	CENTROTECH	2,335	rayon cord fabric	rayon lingerie	268,650
18 Dec.	Bata, Zlin*		iron construction materials	enameled wire	60,000
18 Dec.	CENTROTECH	30,000	rayon cord fabric	rayon stockings	3,450,000
19 Dec.	Bata, Zlin	95,000	iron construction materials	rayon stockings	880,800
19 Dec.	Bata, Zlin		iron construction materials	8 Skoda cars	839,999
22 Dec.	Kotva, Zlin		iron construction materials	drills, lathes	3,553,580
22 Dec.	Bata, Zlin		iron construction materials	spiral drills	285,603
	Kotva, Zlin*		iron construction materials	fire bricks	484,804
23 Dec.	Bata, Zlin		iron construction materials	dynamo sheet (Dynamoblech)	177,746
	Kotva, Zlin		transformers	women's stockings; automobile parts	35,000
	Bata, Zlin		iron construction materials	dynamo sheet	257,267
	CENTROTECH		rayon cord fabric	rayon stockings	3,450,000

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Comment: [redacted] It is [redacted] impossible to determine the consignee for the items supplied by the Czechoslovak agencies. In other such instances, however, it has been stipulated that the items received by USIA from Czechoslovakia would be consigned to a specific Soviet or nationalized agency in another satellite country, usually Hungary. It is quite unlikely that the tremendous quantities of rayon stockings represented by the contracts reported above have actually been brought into Austria, since reports of a flood of such items on the local market could scarcely escape the attention of all U.S. intelligence arms in Vienna. With regard to the last item, it is pointed out that cable is manufactured and exported in large quantities by USIA; hence it is probable that USIA directed this item to one of the satellite countries. Although it is not certain what USIA receives in return from the countries of ultimate destination of these commodities, it is possible that USIA builds up credits, pays outstanding indebtedness and purchases luxury foodstuffs or special equipment needed for some of the Soviet-controlled enterprises in Austria.)

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Comment: As of 1 January 1949, the name of the town of Zlin was changed to Gottwaldov, and the name of the Bata firm was changed to Svit.)

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